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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM BOMBAY MARCH 8, 1977  
REPEATED FOR YOU

QUOTE BOMBAY 0567

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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: TECH, IN  
SUBJ: SAFEGUARDS AT REPROCESSING CENTER

REF: BOMBAY 0558

1. AT END OF CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL SETHNA SAID PERHAPS RHETORICALLY, THAT HE FELT HE SHOULD ASK WHETHER HE SHOULD SEND USG ANOTHER REQUEST FOR JOINT DETERMINATION UNDER INDO-U.S. BILATERAL FOR THE REPROCESSING PLANT. HE SAID THAT HE IS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM OTHERS IN THE GOI TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RECORD SHOWS THAT EVERY AVENUE IS BEING ACTIVELY EXPLORED TO RESOLVE THE WASTE STORAGE PROBLEM WHICH THREATENS TO CAUSE A HIATUS IN ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION AT THE TARAPUR REACTORS. CONGEN REPLIED THAT AS SETHNA KNEW FROM CONCERSATION OF DECEMBER 15, 1976, (REPORTED IN BOMBAY 3168), DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CONSIDERING THIS PROBLEM IN A MORE LIMITED FRAMEWORK BUT ONE WHICH COULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF, THAT IS A JOINT DETERMINATION  
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LIMITED TO THE USE OF THE RECEIVING POOL AT PREFRE WHICH COULD STORE NEARLY A FULL DISCHARGE FROM THE TARAPUR REACTORS. CONGEN SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO CONTINUE EMPHASIZING THIS APPROACH AS IT MAY OFFER A BETTER POSSIBILITY FOR GETTING EARLY ACTION AND RELIEF.

2. SETHNA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT AND HAD BEEN

CONTENT TO LEAVE THE OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS OF HIS APPROACH  
ALONG THESE LINES EVEN THOUGH AS HE POINTED OUT, THE  
IAEC LETTER OF 21 AUGUST, TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT AS  
BOMBAY 2277, RAISES THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF SAFEGUARDING  
THE ENTIRE REPROCESSING FACILITY AND ASKS FOR EARLY ACTION  
ON THIS PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II-E AND  
ARTICLE VI OF THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.

3. THERE FOLLOVED AN EXCHANGE IN WHICH BOTH SETHNA AND THE  
CONGEN RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD BE UNDERSIRABLE TO  
ENCUMBER THE RECORD WITH PROPOSALS THAT DID NOT OFFER  
PROSPECTS FOR FRUITFUL RESULTS DURING THIS PERIOD WHEN THE  
NEW ADMINISTRATION IS REVIEWING U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY.  
SETHNA ENDED BY EMPHASIZING THAT THE PROBABLY AT SOME  
TIME, WOULD HAVE TO INSURE THAT THE RECORD FULLY REFLECTS  
DILIGENT EFFORTS ON HIS PART TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBLE  
AVENUE OPEN UNDER THE NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT,  
BUT THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PRECIPITATE DIFFICULTIES WITH  
AWKWARD REQUESTS IF THEY COULD BE AVOIDED. SINCE HE  
WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH LEAVING THE MATTER ALTOGETHER IN LIMBO  
CONGEN SAID THAT HE WOULD PASS ALONG SETHNA'S CONCERNS  
AND THAT PERHAPS THEY COULD BE TREATED, IN THE FIRST  
INSTANCE, IN THE ORAL EXCHANGES ENVISAGED IN DEPUTY  
UNDER SECRETARY NYE'S PROPOSALS OF FEBRUARY 18, 1977.  
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